

**MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES (GOCI)
MARYLAND COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS (MCIA)**

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING: November 2, 2009

**Herbert R. O'Connor Building
201 W. Prston Street, Lobby
Baltimore, Maryland
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairwoman Auriel Fenwick, Vice Chair Thomas Windsor, II, Wanda Lee,
Cornelius Allen Red Deer

Absent: Virginia Busby, Kathryn E. Robbins Fitzhugh, Guy Wells

Staff Present: E. Keith Colston, Susan Driscoll, Agnes M. Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Commissioner/Chair Auriel Fenwick called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Administrator Keith Colston first of all thanked everyone for coming to the American Indian Heritage Month Kick-off that was held in the afternoon at the same location. He spoke about the different events throughout the month around the State to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month. He encouraged everyone to look at MCIA's website for dates and locations for different events.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPATRIATION:

Mr. Rico Newman spoke on behalf of the Repatriation Committee. Mr. Newman noted that two public meetings were held in Howard County. He also noted that the Repatriation Committee consist of 10 members, five members from the Maryland Historical Trust and five members recommended by MCIA. Mr. Newman informed the Commission that the October 3, 2009 meeting was not well attended. However the October 24, 2009 was well attended. Also Commissioner Cornelius Red Deer and Commissioner Wanda Lee attended. Mr. Newman said there is an agreement in principle that the remains will be put back in the ground. The burial sites will be in Cecil County, Eastern Shore and Garrett County. The Piscataway will go back where they came from. The remains that are not specified will go in one of the four areas. The community will determine whether it will be a private or public burial. Has to go through bureaucratic steps for changes in regulations. The Commission has agreed to work with the Maryland Historical Trust on this issue.

IV. RECURRING BUSINESS:

CENSUS:

Commissioner Red Deer attended the Census Workshop for the American Indian Complete Count Committee. He informed the Commission that MCIA needs two people from each tribe. He also noted that a teleconference will be scheduled. Maryland has set the standard for 2010. Commissioner Red Deer also noted that the Indian community is trying to bring the Department of Education on board. It was noted that Census is a very important way to count heads.

HERITAGE DAY:

Administrator Colston spoke about American Indian Heritage Day scheduled for Friday, November 27, 2009 at the Miller Senate Office Building. The Commission noted that they would like to have the tribal flags, dancers, etc. There will also be a Color Guard in place. Mr. Colston also spoke about the Health Fair Pow Wow scheduled for Saturday, November 28, 2009 at Holy Cross Hospital. There will be screenings done and each dancer will receive a stipend. Please participate in the screenings. It was noted, no numbers/no findings.

DEMOGRAPHICS STUDY:

Commissioner Lee informed the Commission that she has received a few responses from the five schools that was sent the demographics study. It was noted that a committee will be brought together to see what steps need to be taken for the demographics study.

Chair Fenwick thanked everyone for coming and noted that the Commission is looking forward to American Indian Heritage Day.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.